

## News Release

# The Princeton Review names U of M Crookston one of "Best in the Midwest" for Fourth Consecutive Year

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For the fourth consecutive year, the University of Minnesota Crookston was named one of the best colleges in the Midwest according to The Princeton Review. It is one of 152 institutions The Princeton Review recommends in its "Best in the Midwest" section of its Web site feature, "2011 Best Colleges: Region by Region," that posted August 2, 2010, on PrincetonReview.com.

"We emphasize experiential learning on our campus and encourage engagement between faculty and students in research and the application of learning beyond the classroom," said UMC Chancellor Charles H. Casey. "At the U of M Crookston, we want to create an atmosphere that offers students diverse perspectives and the opportunity for leadership development."

The U of M Crookston, with its applied learning and rich technology, received the designation "Best in the Midwest" based on survey data submitted by the campus and student opinion data. Student comments are included as part of a profile on each institution compiled by PrincetonReview.com.



Student opinions reflect the importance placed on the application of learning, "No matter what your major, the school emphasizes 'hands-on learning' both in and out of the classroom and internships are required in the majority of majors." Another comment recognizes the personal feel and size of the campus, "Thanks to a low student-to-faculty ratio, it is a 'public school that feels like a private school.'"

The 152 colleges that The Princeton Review chose for its "Best in the Midwest" list are located in twelve states: Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. The Princeton Review also designated 218 colleges in the Northeast, 120 in the West, and 133 in the Southeast as best in their locales on the company's "2011 Best Colleges: Region by Region" lists. Collectively, the 623 colleges named "regional best(s)" constitute about 25% of the nation's 2,500 four-year colleges.

Today the University of Minnesota Crookston delivers 29 bachelor's degree programs, 18 minors, and more than 40 concentrations, including several online degrees, in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of about 1,300 undergraduates from more than 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit [www.umcrookston.edu](http://www.umcrookston.edu).

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